

NSC BRIEFING

27 September 1955

BURMA

- I. A Burmese military mission, led by Commander-in-Chief General Ne Win and including practically the entire top command of Burma's armed forces, left Rangoon on 23 September for an extended visit in Communist China.
 - a. Ne Win to return in two weeks, but most of mission will spend eight weeks in China visiting ordnance plants and military installations.
- II. Considerable speculations that Chinese Communists will seek to impress Burmese with their military might and offer Burma badly needed military equipment.
 - a. Premier Nu has stated categorically, however, that the mission would not conclude any secret agreements and would purchase no arms; another top Burmese official referred to mission's trip as a "pure joy ride."
 - b. Burmese are unlikely to jeopardize the flow of arms from the UK--upon whom they are primarily dependent for such equipment--or their chances of obtaining American economic assistance for which they are presently negotiating.

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